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SUBJECT: CIVAIR-OTC APPLICATIONS

REF: (A) ROME 3498, (B) STATE 50021

1. LOCAL ONA REP APPROACHED CIVILAVI MARCH 3 TO DETERMINE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO FILE APPLICATIONS FOR ONE-STOP INCLUSIVE TOUR CHARTER (OTC). CIVILAVIA REP LASSANDRO REPLIED THAT IT TOO SOON TO TELL, SINCE OTC REGULATIONS NOT YET PUBLISHED. SINCE ONA HAS OTC CHARTERS WHICH MUST BE FILED BEFORE MARCH 15 (REFTEL A) TO BENEFIT FROM EXEMPTION FROM GOI MINIMUM PRICE REQUIREMENT, LOCAL ONA REP IMMEDIATELY CONTACTED EMBASSY FOR ASSISTANCE.

2. EMBOFF CONTACTED MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) REP FIACCADORI AND APPRISED HIM OF PROBLEM, CITING MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS ON CHARTER OPERATIONS (REFTEL B) AS PERMITTING OTC APPLICATIONS TO BE MADE PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF CIVILAVIA OTC REGULATIONS. FIACCADORI AGREED THAT APPLICATIONS COULD BE MADE PRIOR TO PUBLICATION OF OTC REGULATIONS AND SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH CIVILAVIA REP LIOI (DIRECTOR, FOREIGN AIR TRANSPORT DIVISION). EMBOFF SUBSEQUENTLY CONTACTED LIOI, WHO SAID THERE WAS NO PROBLEM: UNTIL OTC REGULATIONS PUBLISHED, OTC APPLICATIONS SHOULD MEET SAME REQUIREMENTS FOR DOCUMENTATION AS ITC APPLICATION. LIOI EMPHASIZED THAT EACH APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE A COPY OF

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THE CONTRACT WITH THE CARRIER.

3. EMBASSY HAS INFORMED LOCAL ONA REP OF DOUCUMEN-
TATION REQUIREMENT AND WILL ALSO NOTIFY OTHER CARRIER REPSW.
4. COMMENT. EMBASSY SOMEWHAT SURPRISED THAT LASSANDRO,
WHO WAS MEMBER OF GOI DELEGATION AT WASHINGTON CIVAIR CON-
SULTATIONS, SHOULD TRY SUCH DELAYING TACTICS (EVEN TAKING
INTO ACCOUNT HIS WELL-KNOWN BIAS IN FAVOR OF ALITALIA).
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